TOWN OF UNION

SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

PAVING: Starting the first week of July, you will see our paving crews begin work in several areas of town. We will be doing shimming (thin blacktop) on Clarry Hill, Daniels, Payson and Short streets, you will have some minor delays for the two to three days they are working.

Later in August those same roads will be top-coated with chip seal, this process is fairly quick and should be done in one day, but with chip seal you will notice loose stones for several weeks and we urge you to use caution while driving on these roads.

AYER PARK: If you remember last year at this time we had significant issues at Ayer Park with trash being thrown everywhere causing very unsanitary conditions. This year we have had very little problems as we have installed the security cameras and will have all violators turned over to law enforcement. If you are down there enjoying the park and see any violations I would ask you to call the Knox Sheriff's office and assist us in keeping the park clean and safe.

FOUNDERS DAY: Founder's Day is July 18-20 on the Common, we are always looking for people to lend a hand for an hour or so if interested. If not please come and support those who have volunteered their time to make this annual event so successful.

TOWN MEETING: The turnout at the annual town meeting was fairly light and citizens zoomed through all the articles in near record time. With all articles passing we have begun work on what you voted on, improving our roads, repairing the salt and sand shed and more.

The downside of the recently passed budget is that it has an increase in spending at the municipal level that will cause a small increase in your tax bill. This is the first increase of any magnitude at the municipal level in five years; the exact amount will not be ready until August when all new valuation and revenues have been calculated by the Assessor.

MAILBOXES: If you have a mailbox you are moving this year, please contact the Public Works Department to assist you in re-locating this. Yes you have to meet the postal regulations but we can advise you on a safe location that will be less likely to be hit by a plow or flying snow.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE POSITIONS: If you ever thought you may like to be a firefighter or ambulance attendant, stop in and pick up an application. Both departments are always looking for new volunteers and training is provided free, plus you can earn some extra income while helping your Town. Applications are available at either department or from the front office.

"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

— Mark Twain